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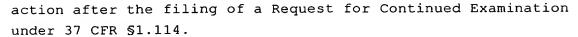
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Sir:

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- [X] 3. Documents \underline{AD} and $\underline{AG}-\underline{AH}$ are not in the English language. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), Applicant states:
 - [X] An English translation of documents <u>AD and AG</u> (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of an English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed.

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- [X] A concise explanation of the relevance of documents <u>AD-AJ</u> is found in the attached <u>INTERNATIONAL</u> search report (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).
- [] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ is set forth as follows:
- [] A concise explanation of the relevance of document _____ can be found on page(s) of the specification.
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- [X] 4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).
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